

Saint Mary

ON THE HILL
CATHOLIC CHURCH



MEN OF PRAYER MINISTRY: *A Valuable Opportunity to Share in Fellowship and Center on Prayer*

It's so easy to get wrapped up in the demands of work and home, and it can be hard to find the time to focus on faith and fellowship. In particular, it can be difficult for men to gather with those who are like-minded and have time to share the Catholic faith.

Here at St. Mary on the Hill, we are blessed with an opportunity for men to gather, pray and spend time together. The Men of Prayer Ministry is fairly simple. It's not a book or Bible study — rather, it's a time to learn prayer techniques and to be in prayer together.

Jaime Kimbrough says this group has changed his prayer life and has had a big impact on his faith. He credits the men who started this group, Chad Sweeney and Michael Lammers.

"These two do a lot throughout our church and school," Jaime says. "They have been so influential in my life and my faith development."

This group was first started via the three-year That Man is You! program, in which about 70 men participated — there is potential to start that study again in the future. Now, the Men of



Here at St. Mary on the Hill, we are blessed with an opportunity for men to gather, pray and spend time together through the Men of Prayer Ministry.

Prayer have about 10 men who meet at 8 a.m. on Saturdays at the Scout Hut. On some weeks, a few members go downtown to take food and drinks to those leaving the homeless shelter.

"We want to create fellowship with other Catholic men through prayer," Jaime says. "I really, truly appreciate this group. It's been such a blessing to me."

One aspect of the group that Jaime particularly appreciates is that there are men of all ages. This offers a way to learn from one another.

continued on page 2

Mass Schedule

Sunday, 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Monday, 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m.,
5:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pro Life Holy Hour

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Chapel is located at the corner of
Monte Sano and Bellevue.

MEN OF PRAYER MINISTRY *continued from front cover*

The Men of Prayer members are currently reading through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, at the suggestion of Mike Pryor. Jaime says this has been a great way to learn more about the Catholic faith. The men end each session by sharing some highs and lows and by praying together.

Jaime takes his role as the head of his family very seriously. The Men of Prayer is just another way for him to make sure he's doing his best in that role. But, as he admits, like all of us, he has a long way to go.

And when Jaime has had to miss meetings for a week or two, he can tell that his prayer life isn't quite the same.

"I can just tell when I'm not recentering each week with these guys," he says. "I do start to drift in my prayer life."

Jaime is so thankful to have this group and the opportunity to grow in faith. He's most grateful for all the men who paved the way for this group.

"I want to be a positive influence on other men, just like other men have been an influence on me," Jaime says. "It's that brotherhood that you feel and get. It keeps me really focused."

All Catholic men are invited to come be a part of this group. The Men of Prayer does not require a commitment to attend the meeting each week.

If you would like to learn more about the Men of Prayer, please contact Jaime Kimbrough at 317-417-9961 or jamesfkimbrough@gmail.com.

Don't Forget to Return Your Commitment Card!

.....

Please remember to turn in your commitment cards to the parish as soon as possible. We appreciate your willingness to participate in this year's Stewardship Renewal. The more we grow to embrace and understand the stewardship way of life, the more our parish will flourish and grow!

.....

THE EUCHARIST
Our Love and OUR LIFE

ST. MARY ON THE HILL

2022 COMMITMENT CARD
My Offering of Time, Talent & Treasure

First & Last Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Spouse: First & Last Name _____

Spouse: Phone _____

Spouse: Email _____

Address _____

City _____

The Little Flowers Girls Club: GROWING IN VIRTUE AND LOVE OF GOD

After the Daughters of St. Paul visited our parish some time ago, April Fry's 8-year-old daughter began to dream a little about her future, and her mother's heart was right along with her.

"While we were looking through their catalog, she expressed that she wants to be a religious sister," April says. "Then I began to feel responsible to help her consider that as a vocation, so I started looking online at Catholic girls' clubs, to help nurture her faith and her possible vocation."

God soon rewarded April's efforts and led her to discover a beautiful, inspiring group known as the Little Flower Girls Club, which is a sort of Catholic alternative to the secular girls clubs available nowadays. April now coordinates the club, which generally meets in our Parish Hall on Sunday afternoon once a month at various times. Throughout the course of each school year, the club hopes to have nine meetings, progressively working up a level, or "wreath," year by year. They began working through Wreath One this September.

"The Little Flower Girls Club is focused on educating girls about virtues, and how to incorporate them in their lives," April says. "The virtues we will cover are faith, hope, love of God, love of neighbor, piety, obedience, humility, industry, and truthfulness. The girls will be able to earn patches based on their development of these virtues. I saw this as a great way to help the girls of our parish grow in virtue, and learn how to be an asset to our community."

The club meetings will most likely feature inspiring speakers, games, and service opportunities.

"The girls really enjoyed their first meeting," April says. "It went great! We had invited Sister Janet Roddy, MFIC, the Executive Director of Catholic Social Services of Augusta, to come to the meeting and share about the work that Catholic Social Services does. We had the girls gather hygiene products and bring them in to donate to the organization as well."



Students present hygiene items they collected to Sister Janet for Catholic Social Services.

More speakers will be invited, with the hope of helping the girls discern what God is calling them to do with their lives.

"I believe that by having the different speakers come and share about their vocations, and help them learn about the virtues, will help them to figure out their vocation and what the Lord is calling them to do," April says. "We will also have games they can play to help them learn more about the virtues and understand them better. As far as service projects go, we are lining some up and we would also like to partner up with existing ministries, such as the Pro-Life Holy Hour."

All are invited to come and take advantage of this beautiful opportunity of formation for girls, as well as their onlooking parents.

"I would encourage more mothers to bring their daughters to this club because it can help them live out their Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with Christ," April says. "Parents are welcome to attend the meetings as well."

If you would like more information about this lovely ministry, please contact April Fry at aprilc fry@gmail.com or at 706-284-9155. Students in grades in kindergarten through eighth are eligible to join, although at this time only students in grades kindergarten through fourth attend.

Oktoberfest

A



WONDERFUL TIME FOR ALL

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate Oktoberfest. A special thanks to all the volunteers who made the event possible, especially Peggy Schaffer and her staff who prepared the wonderful German food. It was so nice to gather together as a parish community for fun, food, and fellowship!



THE IMPORTANCE OF *Loving God More Deeply at Mass*

When young people see a person that intrigues them, that attraction becomes the topic of conversation at every opportunity. This attraction alters behavior so that we become enthralled with the other and desire to share our enthusiasm.

Imagine if we were more enthralled with the presence of Christ in our lives. Imagine if we fully recognized that Christ is truly present to us in His precious Body and Blood, and present as well in the proclamation of His Word and in the gathering of our community, praying and singing (see *Sacrosanctum Concilium* [Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy], para. 14). Recognizing the living Christ in all these ways would awaken in us the desire to be with the One who is the object of our most fundamental, pure, and holy attraction to our merciful, loving, and gracious Savior.

If we were to recognize the presence of Christ in these beautiful ways, wouldn't our desire to be more completely in His presence increase? Surely our desire to be better stewards of our time with the Lord would grow. Our attention to the readings and other prayers of the Mass would bring about within us deeper communion with the One who suffered and died for us. If I recognized that God is the answer to all my pangs of hunger, that Christ is my way to the Father, and that the Holy Spirit works to convert my heart and soul every day, would I not seek to fill that hunger at the banquet of the Lamb?

While active participation in Sunday Mass is an obligation for Catholics, we also will do well to see the lovely, motherly care the Church shows us in establishing that requirement. *The Code of Canon Law* states clearly in paragraph 1247, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass." Sometimes, we might hear that as an overbearing rule. But it might more correctly be understood as our Mother, the Church, helping us learn what is best for us. At Mass, we hear the living Word of God proclaimed. He speaks to us. We receive as hungry, needy sinners, the precious Body and Blood of Christ. We encounter Christ's living presence in our brothers and sisters worshiping God with us. If we

truly understood that amazing truth, then how might it affect our lives? How might it affect our relationships? How might it impact our decision to bring our children along to Mass? How might it awaken within us a deeper attraction, fascination, desire for the Lord?

Generally, when we find ourselves fascinated with someone, we do not decide to spend as little time as possible with them. We do not ration our time with them. We want to spend time with them, to see them, to listen to them, to get to know them, to develop a healthy, loving relationship with them.

Considering our reliance on the Lord of life and love, our fascination with His mercy, His goodness, His willingness to call us to Himself, maybe we should ask ourselves about what happens in us at Mass. As I prepare to come to Church, do I find my mind turning to a receptive welcome of the Lord, just as I'll be welcomed at the door of Church? Have I dressed for the important weekly (or daily) moment of meeting my King? Do I expect some profound wisdom from God in the readings? Am I open to correction, to challenge, to affirmation in the readings of God's Word? Do I intently pray along with the priest presider throughout the Mass? Do I make an offering of my life, along with the bread and wine? Do I genuinely hunger for the Body and Blood of Christ? And do I long for that blessing that sends me on my way with the mission to build the Kingdom?

Instead of worrying about what "counts" when it comes to Sunday Mass, maybe we should work hard at fostering our love for the Eucharist, our desire for eternal life, our attraction to the Master who calls us into a life of active discipleship. Instead of a merely heavy-handed requirement, maybe we can see more clearly that being at Mass together helps nourish us for a whole week of building God's Kingdom. Coming with those expectations, desires, and hopes, leaving early when unnecessary would disappear as a temptation instantly. Coming late because other things have taken priority would not typically happen, other obligations notwithstanding. Christ desires our company at Mass, from beginning to end. Let's draw near to Him.

Recent Donations to St. Mary on the Hill

St. Mary on the Hill Church

In Memory of Irene Gary

Martha Baxter
Trends & Traditions, Inc.
Tricia and Stephen Cranford
Angela Kuhlke
Dale and Haskell Toporek
Peggy Lovelace
Lynthia and Bill Strong
Luann and Fran Tedesco
Eva Garren
Marathon Bridge Group — Marie
Perry, Susan Kelly,
Martha McCutcheon

In Memory of Dan Scherer

Janet and Earle Lovering
Mike Rucker

In Memory of Ed Holmes

James Herman
Mary and Sean Grady
Janet and Earle Lovering
Mike Rucker

In Memory of Jack Johannsen

Peggy Lovelace

*In Memory of Joseph Anthony
Armstrong*

Joe Armstrong Family

In Memory of Corry Pulaski Hudson

Janet and Earle Lovering

In Memory of Doris Maxwell

Renee Strunk

In Memory of Cindy Bessman

Renee Strunk

In Memory of John Y. Smith

Peggy and Steve Snavelly, Judy and
Chris Fuller, Patrick and Jennifer
Breen, Kevin and Dale Breen and
Families, Pamela Rinker

*In Memory of Mary Chafee Bell &
James T. Chafee*

Pam and Campbell Chafee

In Memory of Janice Fiquett

Caroline and Ray Brady

Consolation Ministry

In Memory of Janice Fiquett

Donnie Fiquett

Ad
Placement



Saint Mary ON THE HILL

1420 Monte Sano Avenue
Augusta, GA 30904
Phone 706-733-6627
www.stmaryonthehill.org

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Augusta, GA
Permit No. 475

Baptisms

JULY 10

Miles Emmett Moore
Son of Sarah and Daniel Moore

JULY 17

Elaine Shea Jaschen
Daughter of Brynn and Kyle Jaschen

JULY 24

Carson Anthony Stewart
Son of Kelli and Todd Stewart

JULY 25

Emma Scarlett Dreiling
Daughter of Patricia and Bryce Dreiling

AUG. 7

Kinsey Grace Edwards
*Daughter of Karin
and Robert Edwards, III*

AUG. 8

Ansley Joy Newton
*Daughter of Amanda
and Abraham Newton*

Knox Taylor Painter
Son of Sydney and Colby Painter



Emma Kelly Sherman

Daughter of Tricia and Devin Sherman

AUG. 14

Mattie Jo Easley
*Daughter of Stephanie and
Matthew Easley*

AUG. 15

Dustin Kobe Gigante Clauna
*Son of Daphane Gigante
and Mark Clauna*

AUG. 21

Enzo Kaiden Balbanida Soliva
Son of Grace Balbanida and Leo Soliva

AUG. 22

Collier Roy Kerr
Son of Jennifer and Robert Kerr

AUG. 28

Prince Trevor-Deon Donre
Son of Brigeen Donre and Travis Solomon

Primroze Donre

*Daughter of Brigeen Donre
and Travis Solomon*

Praevon Solomon

Son of Brigeen Donre and Travis Solomon



Trinity Ann Rott

Daughter of Mary Donre

Tadeo Donre Gallen

*Son of Matilde Donre
and Tyson Gallen*

Triston McGui Johnston

Son of Mary Donre

Brinte Donre

Daughter of Beaulynnda Donre

Annmarie Brielle Yamamura

*Daughter of Mary Donre
and Flavin Yamamura*

SEPT. 11

Ikona Francisco Milford
*Son of Jennifer Holsten-Milford
and John Milford*

SEPT. 25

Jeremiah Patrick Caballero Chavez, Jr
Son of Ariana and Jeremiah Chavez

SEPT. 26

Nathan McNeely Raines, Jr
Cece and Nate Raines